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## Students Contend With Faculty Over Parking

By S.M. Newman

The day students of Mary Washington College held their first meeting on Wednesday, September 1. Discussed at the meeting was the problem of security in the Day Students Lounge in Ann Carter Lee Hall. According to Bill Leighty, president of the day students, security will be tightened in the lounge due to the theft of day student property. Beginning Wednesday, September 15 anyone wishing to use the lounge will need a magnetic key card. Students should contact Pam Rose or Bill Leighty if they desire a card.

Parking was another problem discussed at the meeting. Leighty mentioned that faculty members did not use the parking spaces assigned to them. For example, the student parking areas by Monroe Hall are

often filled with staff vehicles.

One day student remarked, "The latest MWC Bulletin gave concise accounting of campus parking and its new distribution. However, without the cooperation on the parts of both students and faculty, the expanded parking facilities will have been a waste. Perhaps, Security can give tickets to faculty members parking in student areas until the problem is cleared up."

The new day student senators recently elected were Linda Brown, Wendy Chilton, Tanya Elkins, Nancy Ford, Anne A. Gordon, Marty Grenn, Leslie Michel and Wille Anne Ninor.

Senate alternates named were Cindy Hefflin, Claudette Everette, Kimbre Kinchele and Nancy Yeatts.

Day student meetings are held in the Day Students Lounge the first Monday of every month at 3:45 p.m.



photo by Bill Leighty

THESE EMPTY FACULTY PARKING LOTS next to Monroe Hall are an important issue for MWC's day students.

## MWC Hosts Pow-Wow

By Linda Reynolds

A problem that has existed since the first white man landed on this continent will be presented in a series of round table discussions on Tuesday, Sept. 14. This problem of "The Changing Self-Image and Responsibility of the American Indian in Contemporary Society" will bring Native Americans and non-Indians together for a day long pow-

wow at Mary Washington College.

On the non-Indian side there will be humanities scholars from several colleges, including MWC's Roger J. Bourdon, professor of history; Glen R. Thomas, professor of American studies; David W. Cain, assistant professor of religion and Margaret Williamson, professor of anthropology. Other non-Indian participants are Edgar Chan, dean of the law school at Antioch College; Frederick J. Dockstader, curator, archaeologist and authority on the American Indian; Philleo Nash, professor at American University; Herman Viola, director of the American Indian Policy Review Commission and Stanley Walens, professor at the University of Virginia.

Native American participants will be Louis Bruce (Sioux-Mohawk) of the American Indian Policy Review Commission; Lloyd Elm (Iroquois) from the Office of Indian Education; Reaves Nahwoosky (Comanche), coordinator of Indian Programs HUD.

The program is free and open to the public.

## Committee Discusses Non-traditional Degrees

By Linda Sheridan

The future of non-traditional degrees at Mary Washington College was discussed at an ad hoc committee hearing Wednesday, September 8 in Ann Carter Lee Ballroom.

The proposed program would allow adults to draw on their life experiences for credit in a degree program. The program would be set up so that many credits could also be earned by examination. A specialized degree would result in which

the student would not have to go the traditional liberal arts, four year route, but would take subjects only in his major area.

Francis Ack, founder of the individualized degree program at George Mason University, spoke to the hearing about her experiences.

"Everyone has a different curriculum to meet his or her needs," said Ack referring to the individualized degree program. "It can be as narrow or

broad as he or she wants it."

Ack told the hearing that non-traditional degrees would most appeal to the adult who wants to continue his education for personal satisfaction, from the housewife to the pilot who wants to be a data processor.

A question period followed Ack's talk. Further hearings will be held at a later date.

## Woodard Receives Pay Hike

President Prince B. Woodard's salary has been raised from \$36,000 to \$38,200 for the present fiscal year. Woodard's salary hike was part of an overall pay increase for state employers authorized by Governor Mills E. Godwin Jr. The raises for college presidents across Virginia ranged from \$1,600 to \$3,500. Presidents of the University of Virginia, Virginia Polytechnical Institute and State University and Virginia Commonwealth University are each receiving \$48,000, the highest salary appropriated to state university presidents.

## Lectures Focus Upon American Authors

The topic of how American writers of the past two centuries have viewed life in their native land is the focus of a free public lecture series being presented this fall by the MWC Department of English in conjunction with the College Bicentennial Committee.

Titled "The Changing American Dream," the series

covers such authors as Mark Twain, Henry James, Eugene O'Neill and William Faulkner in lectures presented on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in Room 100, Combs Hall.

These lectures are the bases of the course English 375. Future dates and topics for the lectures are as follows: September 7, "The Cynical View from Massachusetts: Nathaniel Hawthorne's America," September 14, "America to a Southern Poet: Sidney Lanier's Patriotic Poetry," September 21, "The 'Other' American Dreams: The Never-Ending Search for an American Utopia," September 28, "America's Reflection in the European Mirror: The Work of Henry James," October 5, "The Humorous Truth About Middle America: The Perceptions of Mark Twain,"

October 19, "Eugene O'Neill's America: A Personal Rebellion Against Convention," October 26, "Looking Back at the Civil War: The America of *Gone With the Wind*," November 2, "Southern Regionalism and Beyond: William Faulkner's America," November 9, "An English View of American Writers: D.H. Lawrence on American Literature," November 16, "The Comfortable Concentration Camp: Women and the American Dream," November 23, "The Incredible American Vision: America Through Science Fiction," November 30 and "What Has Happened to the Heart of America: A Sample from Contemporary Literature," December 7.

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## Here Today, Gone Tomorrow

A recent small-scale "purging," of several faculty and administrative members is currently raising questions and eyebrows around the campus community.

Granted, all seems well superficially, but the fact that little fanfare has been made about the shedding and replacement of faculty, secretaries and title of office, causes me to wonder what the over-all point is. If there is a plan at all, was it because of "political reasons" enmeshed within the administrative hierarchy, or could it be for financial reasons, or was it the general consensus of the campus community which conspired to bring about this turnover?

I would speculate that the latter two suggestions are not the real reasons at all. For one, the very recent additions to the campus of such things as chains for lawns, new carpeting in Trinkle and GW, new parking lots and the planting of shrubbery on campus all cost money — surely such trivia would not take financial priority over a good professor, secretary or department head. The new knowledge of certain raises in administrative salaries is further indication that the recent dismissals could not be due to solely financial reasons.

Many students, upon returning to register this fall, were surprised upon finding that a preferred professor or advisor is no longer here. This makes it evident how very little the consensus of students is taken into consideration with regard to decisions made freely about dismissing or hiring their profs.

At a presumably stable and concerned college community, such changes do affect the student body. Many students will have singled out a favorite professor as their major advisor and reference for jobs or grad school, only to find him gone or replaced next season.

The relatively small size of the school has been conducive to many helpful and lasting faculty-student advising relationships. Not every college is lucky enough to claim that their professors are able to know most of her or his students on a fairly personal level. Will it become necessary to preserve stability by "campaigning for your prof?"

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## Backfire Students Need Parking Spaces; Dismissals Threaten MWC's Quality

Dear Editor:

It has come to my attention and rather abruptly so, that the number of faculty parking lots has increased. I as a student of MWC would never begrudge a beloved faculty member of his parking rights. However, the proportional increase has not been to the students' benefit. For example, of the 643 available spaces there are 275 spaces or 42 per cent allotted to faculty and staff as opposed to 368 spaces or 58 per cent for all students of MWC. This coupled with the fact that student numbers are increasing and the number of faculty and staff members appears to be decreasing, indicates an unfair allocation of parking facilities.

### Schedule Changes

A class may be changed from pass/fail to graded or graded to pass/fail through Tuesday, September 14 in the Office of Academic Advising. A course may be dropped without a grade through Tuesday, September 28.

To drop a course after the first four weeks of classes, a student must go to the Office of Academic Advising for a Registration Record Change form and then consult the course's instructor. The instructor signs that the student is passing, failing or has no graded work to date. If the request to drop is made immediately before a scheduled examination, the student must take the examination. If passing, the student drops the course without penalty. If failing, the student drops with an F. In the last three weeks of classes all students drop with an F.



Even at this rate of distribution one would certainly think staff and faculty could find adequate parking in their reserved lots. But I have noticed that faculty and staff are time and time again parking in student spaces without penalty. Whereas, students can find no other parking except in staff parking lots, they are immediately penalized.

Being a day student who lives 35 miles away from MWC which takes me 40 to 45 minutes, I do not need to spend another 30 minutes looking for a parking space. Passing many vacant faculty and staff parking spaces only aggravates me during my long search.

First, it would be appreciated if faculty and staff members would refrain from parking in the meager student spaces. Secondly, a more equitable allocation of parking spaces should be forthcoming.  
James H. A. Boyd

Dear Editor:

As a small liberal arts college, MWC is known for its comfortable class sizes and individual student-faculty rapport. For this reason, we, as members of the student body, are concerned about the dismissal of an increasing number of faculty members. As is evident on campus, many students feel these actions are threatening their educational opportunities in certain departments. Not to mention, the reasons for the unrenewed tenures still remain unclear. Will the MWC faculty continue to decrease in number as we go on, or does the administration plan to hire new professors to fill the gaps? We feel that in an issue affecting the student body, we should not be left in the dark.

Margaret French  
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## ETS Administers Teacher Exams

Students completing teacher preparation programs may take the National Teacher Examinations on November 13, 1976, February 19, 1977 and July 16, 1977. The Educational Testing Service, a nonprofit educational organization, prepares and administers this testing program. The tests will be given at nearly 400 locations throughout the United States, ETS said.

Results of the National Teacher Examinations are used by many large school districts as one of the factors in the selection of new teachers and by several states for certification or licensing of teachers.

On each full day of testing, prospective teachers may take the Common Examinations which measure their profes-

sional preparation and general educational background, and an Area Examination which measures their mastery of the subject they expect to teach.

Prospective candidates should contact the school systems in which they seek employment, or MWC's Placement Bureau for specific advice on which examinations to take and on which dates they should be taken.

The *Bulletin of Information for Candidates* contains a list of test centers and general information about the examinations, as well as a registration form. Copies may be obtained from the MWC placement officers in ACL 301 or directly from National Teacher Examinations, Box 911, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey 08540.

## Photo Comment



Staff Photo

Because of the College's attempt to provide exciting weekend activities, including current motion pictures, the bus station has become a major leading student hangout. Quite a few Mary Washingtonians may be seen leaving town.

## Campus Quotes

## Students Comment On MWC

by Carol Roper

**Debbie Dawson, Senior:** "Without getting too sentimental, there are a number of things which make MWC special to me: the rapport I've shared with my professors; the honor system as a tenable way of life; people who helped me realize it was I, not just they, who had to do the adapting; the colonial atmosphere — even watching frisbees fly on Ball Circle. Coupled with academics, I think all that makes for a real learning institution."

"I feel, however, that an unfortunate breach exists between the administration and the student body. Ultimatums are not the answer; mutual respect for each party's views and input could solve the problem simply."

**Vicky Nichols, Freshman:** "The fact that MWC is small makes us feel like a close knit community. Yet, despite the small size, MWC has a wide variety of courses available with which we can experiment to get the feeling of other aspects of knowledge besides our major. The hospitality of the people made me feel completely at home by supper time of my first day."

## Beyond Guano

## Glossary of Terms For New Students

by Ruth Spivey

**Academic Advisor** — professional leg-puller. Tells you which classes to take, and later, why you can't get a job because of the classes you took.

**Academic Hall** — state-funded bastion of institutional torture. Building styles range from Neo-Gothic Roman to Danish Modern Yeech. Inhabited by professors. (See below: Professor).

**ACL Ballroom** — it sure is.

**Administration** — rarely seen. Ruled by the Royal House of Woodward, the Prince of Rhetoric in command. Motto, "He governs best who govern least."

**C-Shop** — for pickups and putdowns. Good food, good drink, inane conversation.

**Dorm** — delicate architectural structure, designed so that the slightest tape markings will mar the beauty of the walls. Superb acoustical system; whispers filter from basement to top floor and vice-versa.

**Freshman** — sucker.

**G.W.** — combination administration hall and movie auditorium. Wildest antics occur in administration offices.

**Post Office** — sadistic supplier to MWC mail addicts. Often fails to deliver. Cursed but never vandalized because of valuable link to outside world.

**Professor** — usually found in natural state (confused). Resides in academic halls, disappears at night and when moon is full. Many have beards — usually the males. Bite may equal bark, so treat with care.

**Secobarb** — see below.

**Secobeck** — synonymous with gross. Dubious food served with dubious looks in the intimate southern manner. See also secobarb, and sickbeck.

**Townie** — one who resides in the great town of Fredericksburg or another nearby bustling metropolis.

**Trinkle Library** — object of graffiti and many jokes. Good for short naps.

**Upperclassman** — smug.

## Broad Outlook

## Women Demand Equality in Bicentennial

By Ivy Martin

Here we are in the year 1976, the big bicentennial, as we are being constantly reminded. This nation has had 200 years to recognize women as full-fledged human beings, as true-blooded Americans, but who would know it? Women are still receiving stiffer penalties than men for committing some of the same crimes; rape is "not considered to be a serious blemish on West Point tradition" as compared to the horrors of academic cheating, according to an article in the *Boston Globe*. Mailboxes in front of private residences across the country still read "John F. Doe" and "Paul X. Zogelthorp." One would think we lived in a nation of roving, homeless females. Women must still be Miss or Mrs. Joan Doe while men are simply John Doe — it seems we must always be reminded of our marital status (never mind what your name is, is it Miss or Mrs.?).

What I'm getting at is this: true, women have made progress in gaining the status of human beings, but why have we not achieved this status fully? Why isn't the Equal Rights Amendment in effect? Why does MWC have a faculty of 146 with only 51 being women? Why, out of 25 departments, are there only five women department heads? Many people today argue that inequalities such as the ones I have mentioned above are minor and too insignificant to trouble with. However, these so-called "small matters" — such as using, in MWC catalogues, the pronoun "he" in reference to the general MWC student when only one-tenth of the student body is male, and such as the image of woman as a brainless goofball who goes into wild ecstasy over toilet paper — these are just symptoms of a more serious and wide-spread malady. Indeed, sexism is a social disease. However, some of the diseased areas often go easily unnoticed. The best method I have found for unearthing sexism is by sex reversal and comparison. For example,

Please help! As of now the Mary Washington Ski Club no longer exists. Anyone interested in either sponsoring the club or becoming a member, please contact Karen Sobieski at extension 468 in Ball 310.

suppose you entered a city in which the women hung out of car windows and smacked their lips as they shouted "what a piece of —" to every male in sight. Would you think it degrading to those men? Would it make you upset? If the answer was "no," perhaps you have a lot to think about.

Picture in your mind a small school with a mostly male student body. At this hypothetical school, the physical education department is composed of six male coaches, four of whom have worked at the school for over 20 years. After many years in this situation, a new physical education teacher is admitted — a woman. She is seen as a definitely needed addition with regard to the growing number of female students. This woman has a higher degree than all the male coaches with over 20 years of experience. Therefore, the woman is assigned as the department's head. Even though there is only one team

sport for women at the school, the woman's degree is seen as justification for her superior status. The male students all realize this and don't find the situation particularly strange or out of order. The male coaches accept the woman as head without protest. End of image. Do you find this situation believable? I see it as highly unlikely. However, switch the genders of the coaches, the new department head and the students. Now you have another situation entirely — one that is quite believable and which might happen anywhere — even on our own campus!

The symptoms of sex discrimination and social sexism are all around you — they're as blatant as wage inequalities and as subtle as some of today's advertising techniques. If it's the last thing you do in the year of the bicentennial, open your eyes and support your local woman. She'll need it!

## Election Poll

Do you plan to vote in the November presidential elections? If your answer was no:

Why don't you plan to vote this year?

- a) I haven't registered or secured an absentee ballot.
- b) I don't like any of the candidates running.
- c) Watergate has discouraged me.
- d) I feel my vote doesn't count.
- e) I don't like politics.
- f) I don't know.
- g) Other

If your answer was yes:

Who do you prefer as of this point in time?

- a) Jimmy Carter
- b) Jerry Ford

What is most important to you in selecting a candidate?

- a) his positions on the issues
- b) past performance
- c) sincerity and credibility
- d) personality and appearance
- e) don't know
- f) other

*The Bullet* is taking a campus poll to see how you feel about this year's election. We hope that as many of you as possible will choose to respond to our questionnaire so we can get an accurate sampling. Clip the ballot when you're through and drop it off in the envelope we've placed on the front desk of your dorm. We hope to have the results back to you soon. Look for our next election poll after the Carter-Ford debates the twenty-third of September.



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## Viewpoint

# NORML Sets Guidelines In Battle For Marijuana Decriminalization

By Michael Mello

At 2317 M Street in Georgetown, there is a two-story tenement house that is lodged between a Peoples Drug Store and a garage. In it live and work two lawyers and several secretaries. I would like to take the generals of the American Red Cross out of their glass towers and take them on a tour of the house and its occupants to show them a thing or two about a real non-profit organization for these modest surroundings are the national headquarters for the National Organization to Reform Marijuana Laws. Six years after Keith Stroup founded NORML in Washington, it has convinced eight state legislatures and countless local governments to reduce their penalties for possession of small amounts of marijuana, it persuaded California to remove criminal penalties for pot, and distant Alaska to legalize the herb altogether. The Organization has finally spread across the Potomac into Virginia, and, more specifically, NORML has taken root here at MWC. The MWC Chapter of NORML has as its goal the immediate end to the criminal prohibition of private marijuana use. Legal policy based on inaccurate facts has done as much damage to our society as has the abuse of drugs itself: sending an impressionable and naive teenage boy to a federal prison for five or ten years because he has in his pocket a miniscule quantity of a weed that grows beside the road in much of the country seems as shocking as a life wasted in heroin addiction. Yet the states continue to rigidly 'protect' their citizens from the evil weed. For instance, Roger Davis of Roanoke, Virginia is being protected for four-and-a-half decades for possession of one joint, David Snits is generously being protected for four years.

This protection is bitterly resented by those who benefit from it. They feel, like witches being tied to the stake, that it would be better if society had less concern for saving their souls and more respect for the independence of their minds. Some regard this solicitude for their welfare as blatant hypocrisy.

1. NORML does not advocate or encourage the use of marijuana. We fully support a discouragement policy towards the recreational use of all drugs, including alcohol, tobacco and marijuana. This policy should be implemented by a public education campaign aimed at warning users and potential users of the risks involved with the use of all recreational drugs. Such warnings should reflect a scientific and medical concern. Similarly, advertising which encourages the recreational use

of drugs should not be permitted.

Most importantly, criminal penalties should not be applied against the use of such drugs. The limits of the criminal sanction must be recognized and not diluted through application to private social conduct which constitutes no direct threat of harm to others. Society should have confidence in the ability of informed individuals to make decisions as to whether they choose to assume whatever potential risks accompany recreational drug use.

According to reports issued annually by the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the comprehensive reports of the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse, the Canadian Commission of Inquiry into the Non-Medical Use of Drugs and the findings of such private research organizations as Consumers Union, marijuana presents no significant threat to public health or social order. Any medical risk from the private use of marijuana falls within the category of informed individual choice in a free society. Decriminalization is not based on the premise that marijuana use is harmless or that it should be encouraged, but rather that the right to use it is consistent with traditional American values of personal choice, individual freedom and the right of privacy. It is a social policy, aimed at reducing the harm caused by defining marijuana users as criminals.

By removing penalties for the user, without establishing a legal market, a clear public policy of discouragement is continued. Such a policy reduces the immense human, fiscal and social costs of marijuana prohibition by allowing law enforcement efforts to be concentrated on commercial traffickers, particularly those who sell truly dangerous drugs or any drugs to minors.

2. Criminal laws punishing private marijuana use are ineffective as a deterrent, unreasonably severe, scientifically unwarranted and disparate in their nature and enforcement. Hundreds of thousands of otherwise law-abiding citizens are arrested annually for possessing marijuana, resulting in the diversion of law enforcement resources away from preventing serious criminal activity, while stifling an already overburdened criminal justice system with minor offenses. Governmental attempts to control private conduct by enforcing existing marijuana laws encourage the invasion of privacy and the violation of individual rights and liberties by overzealous law enforcement personnel as well as the selective application of such laws. The present marijuana prohibition

engenders disrespect for all laws, fosters distrust of both the agents and institution of government and unjustly brands as criminal more than 30 million Americans who have used marijuana.

3. NORML is opposed to arbitrary quantity limitations as the standard for what defines possession for personal use. Marijuana users, like wine drinkers and tobacco smokers, often have more marijuana in their possession than can be immediately consumed. Similarly, individual usage and consumption patterns vary greatly. While quantity limitations appear to be a necessary interim statutory approach to decriminalization, the law should reflect the reality of differences in usage patterns and behavior and should recognize the inherent shortcomings of arbitrary ounce limitations.

4. The right to possess marijuana for personal use includes the right to grow small amounts for personal consumption. Removal of criminal penalties for the private cultivation of marijuana for personal use provides a legal source of supply for marijuana without resort to the establishment of a legal distribution system.

An individual who grows small amounts of marijuana for personal use is apt to be less involved in the illicit drug culture and will have less contact with drug dealers, who

have an economic incentive for selling other, more expensive and more dangerous drugs.

5. The right to possess marijuana for personal use should include the right to transfer small amounts of marijuana between adults for insignificant consideration.

The National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse, in attempting to differentiate between users and sellers, found that the distinction is more accurate and meaningful if the "seller" designation is limited to commercial traffickers. Most smokers share their marijuana with friends, and often the courtesy is returned. Thus, they may purchase more marijuana than they personally will use, selling some to friends at cost. Such transfers, involving little or no profit should be treated as incidental to personal use, rather than commercial sale.

6. Legalization of marijuana (as opposed to the decriminalization plan that we advocate) refers to a system for the sale or distribution of marijuana which is authorized by law. As recommended by such organizations as Consumers Union, studies should be undertaken to consider alternative regulatory models which would both minimize the potential for abuse and not encourage use. Specifically, NORML favors appointment of a Commission to conduct such a review.

7. NORML strongly discourages the driving of automobiles or other vehicles while under the influence of marijuana or any other drug and recognizes the legitimate public interest in prohibiting such conduct.

It is supremely appropriate that the MWC Chapter of NORML should come into being on the year of the American Revolution Bicentennial. Our existence will serve as a reminder to our government of the self-evident truths proclaimed by our Founding Fathers, that all people "are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" guarantees rendered meaningless by the arrest and prosecution of individuals for the private use of marijuana.

## News Brief

Attention: All daughters and sons of Alumni — We need you! In order to restore the old MWC tradition of the Daughters and Sons of the Alumni Club, we need your interest and motivation. Make your year interesting now, with activities in a club which only you qualify for. Call Linda Ridgeway at extension 421 or Susan Ramzy at extension 487.

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## Stolen



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The campus police report that two bicycles have already been stolen at MWC. Chief Medford Haynes stresses the importance of running the bike lock through both wheels and securing the bike to a stationary object.

## MWC Welcomes New Dorm Mothers

by ANNE HAYES

This year MWC welcomes four new residence directors to the college community. The new "dorm mothers" of Marshall, Russell, Mason and Bushnell Halls have varied interests and backgrounds.

At age 22, Fern Williams, of Marshall Hall, is Mary Washington College's youngest residence director. Williams, who welcomes friends into a roomful of plants and modern surroundings, cites collecting and raising plants, mountain climbing, camping and listening to music as her favorite hobbies. Williams particularly enjoys the music of Jackson Brown, The Moody Blues and Traffic.

The new head of Marshall Hall is a recent graduate of Madison College, where she majored in speech pathology. Williams, who hopes to attend graduate school some time in the near future, finds the prospect of working with freshmen girls very exciting.

Edna Keller, the new residence director of Russell Hall, has quite an interesting background. Keller, who says her hobbies are playing bridge and attending symphonies, once worked at Dickinson College as the house mother of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. She was also head resident at Longwood College for a number of years.

Keller, a native New Yorker, has traveled through much of the United States in the past

few years. During the twelve years she lived in Dallas, Texas, Keller served as president of the Two Arts Club of Music and Drama. She was also a member of the Youth Committee of Dallas Council of Social Agencies.

Keller, who says "everyone on campus has been just wonderful," looks forward to the coming year here.

Doris Keel is Mason's new residence director. Keel, who has served as house mother of Phi Mu Sorority at The College of William and Mary and as residence director at Ursinus College in Pennsylvania, is very enthusiastic about her position at Mary Washington College. The new head of Mason Hall, who enjoys em-

Placement Bureau  
Renders Services  
To Job Seeking Seniors

by Helen Marie McFall

September 1976 begins an important year for the seniors at Mary Washington College. Along with the culminating events of four college years, the new class must plan some course of action for the future. The Career Placement Office, located on third floor of ACL, assists seniors in finding employment or in continuing their education outside of MWC. The placement program, through senior orientation seminars, familiarizes students with the procedure for filling out job and graduate school applications, and tips on job interviews. Credential files containing recommendations

and college interview forms are compiled through the Office.

This year's interviews, scheduled to begin in late September, are arranged on and off campus. Presently math, chemistry and economics majors are in high demand, while sociology and political science majors are more difficult to place. A liberal arts education provides a good basis for sales and marketing positions which are most available this year.

A variety of companies visit MWC each year to seek out perspective employees. Large corporations, such as Westinghouse and Union Carbide, as well as government agencies, insurance companies, public school systems and retailing operations look for promising individuals to hire, usually as management trainees. Graduate schools are also represented.

The interested senior should look at the interview as a fact finding session during which no commitments are necessary. Enthusiasm is essential, along with a competent understanding of self and one's career objectives. Interviewers most frequently comment on the positive attitudes that students portray. Though, in an election year, the economy moves more slowly than usual, there still remain lucrative opportunities for the graduating class of 1977.

VIRGINIA SLADE  
FOR CONGRESS

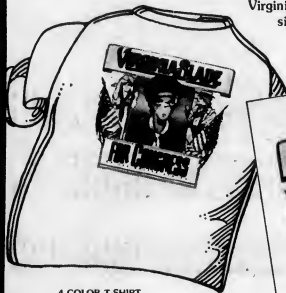
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# New Instructors Vary In Interests, Lifestyles

by Bonnie Farris  
Photos by Susan Haas



Denis Nissim-Sabat is the new addition to the Psychology Department and will focus on the clinical aspects of the subject. He received his B.A. degree at Case-West Reserve Academy in Cleveland, Ohio and his Ph.D. in Psychology from Temple University in Philadelphia. Before accepting this position at MWC, Nissim-Sabat taught at Villanova University in Philadelphia for a

year, but also has held many other interesting jobs. He has done considerable research on prisons, has taught at an inner-city junior high school in Cleveland, and has been especially involved in clinical psychology. Two weeks ago, he presented his paper entitled *The Development of Pragmatism in Soviet Psychology* to the annual convention of the American

Psychiatric Association. Nissim-Sabat is primarily interested in community psychology, the study of how psychology relates to the social welfare of people. He believes in treating the problems of the community before they surface by improving each individual's social environment.

When asked if he had any initial reactions to the college, Nissim-Sabat responded, "It has a beautiful campus and its students are friendly and outgoing," "I think I'm going to like it here."

## Psychology



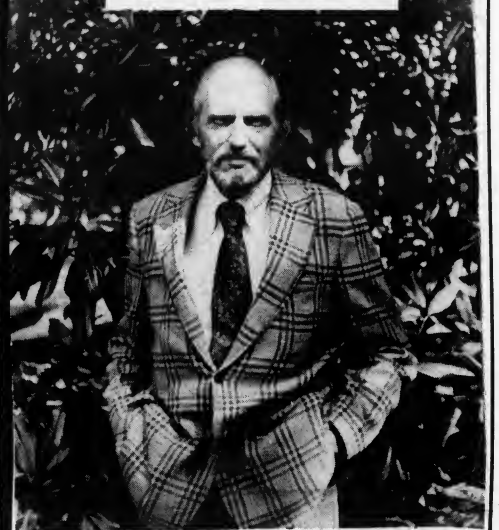
Instructor Feature Continued Next Week

The Dance Department is fortunate to have Schuman as its Visiting Artist in Dance this semester. Schuman, a native of Germany, is a professional dancer. He studied four years at the State Academy for Ballet and Modern Dance in Dresden, Germany and he is a member of several ballet companies in Germany. Among these are the Opera Comique in Berlin, Bavarian State Theater in Munich and State Opera Hamburg. He also performed in the

United States with the Dallas Civic Ballet, the Jacksonville Ballet, the Bar Harbor Festival Ballet, the American Heritage Dance Theater and the New York Dance Theater. In addition, Schuman has taught guest classes in New York City at the Dance Theater Space and in Ft. Worth, Texas at the Southwest Ballet Center.

"I love to dance, teach and choreograph" Schuman, "It is my life. I am looking forward to a very prosperous year with the MWC students and its faculty."

## Geography



As Visiting Lecturer in Geography, Lewis D. Rosenthal represents a further addition to the college faculty. Mr. Rosenthal who received B.B.A. from City College, New York and his M.A. in Economics from The New School for Social Research, is currently a candidate for a Ph.D. in Geography at Clark University. He taught at the University of Maryland until 1975, and

now, while he is not on campus, is writing a book on international conflict. Driving 140 miles to and from the college each Tuesday and Thursday, Mr. Rosenthal teaches two classes: Introduction to Economic Geography and Human Environment. "The long drive is certainly worth it," he said. "MWC is a pleasant place."

## Geography

Also as Visiting Lecturer in Geography, George A. Smerigan is also new to the department. Mr. Smerigan attended Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland, Kent State, and Southern Illinois University, from which he received his B.A. in Geography with a concentration in Planning. He also received his M.S. in City and Regional Planning from Southern Illinois University. Currently, Mr. Smerigan is the Planning Director for Stafford County. He also worked for Illinois Metro East and did consulting work with the Environmental Researchers of Edwardsville.

Mr. Smerigan commenting on the college said, "I'm enjoying the course that I'm teaching, Introduction to Planning, and I feel a certain openness about the college that I like."





# Association Reviews Rules Of Effective Writing

From Publishers Student Service

E.B. White has said "Writing is an act of faith." Undoubtedly he means that to express yourself well you must have faith in yourself, and in your thoughts and in your ability to express them. The key is to be confident and competent enough to convey those thoughts to the reader.

Admittedly, that is easier said than done. Writing, like any skill worth mastering, takes practice and work. But the process of improving your writing can be fun and challenging, and the benefits well worth the effort. After all, in tests or exams you should be able to write clearly about what you have learned. When your friends are away, you should be able to write them interesting letters. Later, when you are working, the ability to express yourself will be invaluable in a letter to a prospective employer, for example, or in office correspondence, business reports, or sales proposals.

This article from the Association of American Publishers is an overview of the techniques of writing. It reviews the main elements of grammar and the principles of good composition — the framework upon which you build your skills.

## 1. CHOSE WORDS CAREFULLY

"To understand others and be understood by all, know the big words but use the small."

Anonymous

Have you ever thought of yourself as a "wordworker"? Actually we all are. It is through words that we express our thoughts or emotions. Without words we would be unable to record, preserve, explain, or enjoy the learning of the ages. Man's unique ability to communicate effectively depends upon a familiarity and facility with words.

Imagine carpenters, whose livelihood depends upon the ability to work with wood. Before they can build anything they must learn how to handle the raw material of their trade.

First, they study the different kinds of wood: their uses, their textures, and their weaknesses and strengths. Through practice they learn to cut, shape, and smooth their work so that it serves the purpose for which it is intended.

So it is with words, the raw material of language. First, we must recognize the eight types, or parts of speech: nouns, pronouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions and interjections. The more familiar we become with each of these — and with their particular function and their qualities — the easier it is to use them correctly.

Through practice you will learn how to use words accurately and effectively. You will know, for instance, to rely on concrete nouns and on strong, active verbs for impact. You will use passive verbs less frequently since they can lack strength and character. You will come to understand that if you are precise in your choice of nouns and verbs, you will have no need to add qualifying

adverbs or adjectives to make yourself understood.

A competent writer is one who uses qualifying words or phrases sparingly. Sentences built with strength and precision require no patching or additional support. More forceful writing uses the positive rather than negative. It is also better to avoid colloquial, foreign or slang expressions because they can interrupt the smooth flow of English.

One of the ways to improve your facility with words is to keep a dictionary nearby. You will find in it not only definitions and spelling, but derivations, synonyms, pronunciation and word usage. If you acquire the habit of looking up new words, you will expand your vocabulary and will better understand the subtleties of meaning. Accuracy in the use of words is a very important aspect of a writer's skill.

If you look again at some of the good books you have read, you will probably notice that the words used are exact in their meaning and that the language carries you forward without interruption. Long descriptions can be boring. Clear and concise writing makes for more interesting reading. When you write, keep your readers in mind.

This article will be continued in next week's issue.



## ATA Sponsors Playwriting Competition

Plays by college students are eligible for several cash awards in a contest sponsored by the Ninth American College Theatre Festival, a program of the American Theatre Association. The awards include the Student Playwriting Award of \$2,500; the Norman Lear Comedy Award of \$2,500; the Lorraine Hansberry Black Playwriting Award of \$2,000; the American National Theatre and Academy West Professional Production Award, consisting of the playwright's transportation to California, and the Irene Ryan Scholarships of \$500 each. The deadline is October 22, 1976. For complete information, write to the Producing Director, American College Theatre Festival, John F. Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C. 20566.

## Students Can Secure Loans

By Kim von Bartheld

Small student loans are now available to interested students. Loans may be secured in the amount of \$10, \$15, \$20, or \$25. The loan is interest free and it must be paid back in a lump sum. The tenure of the loan will be determined on an individual basis within a time period not exceeding six weeks or the end of the semester, whichever comes first. The applicant may only apply for one loan during the six week period or until he has paid back his previous loan. Any loan which has not been paid back will automatically be considered a college debt and provisions may be made to immediately bill the applicant's parents.

Applications for a student loan are available in Anne Fairfax Annex and the Office of Student Services.

## Whitman's Poetry Emphasizes American Brotherhood

By Karen Stickway

He "scorns the delicate art of civilization," read the London reviews. Henry James thought his poetry devoid of taste; others labeled him uncouth, vulgar, bombastic and gauche. Yet today, Walt Whitman is acclaimed America's national poet.

In the second of a fourteen part lecture series, Donald Glover, professor of English, traced the evolution of Whitman's poetry in his delivery entitled "I Hear America Singing: Walt Whitman and the Poet as America."

Glover cited the influence of Ralph Waldo Emerson's essay

"The Poet" as one of the major influences on Whitman's poetry. From this essay, Whitman evolved his concept of the poet as a liberator. His poetry is an attempt to unite people of different age, times and occupations in brotherhood. Whitman was the poet of the body, of the soul, of the man and of the woman. In the true American spirit he once said, "I sound my barbaric yawp over the roofs of the world." Whitman's hope for a better America is still in the making and it has become a part of the American dream.

## The Poet's Corner

### The Chance Observer

Author Anonymous

Glancing upward,  
Into the bright sky, Wincing  
I, (slowly sighing)  
watched the pattern made by fleeting birds;  
They, (swiftly southward flying)  
were soaring overhead, un-heard.

### The Irate Pretender

Author Anonymous

So, You say Challenge  
Well, then Challenge I'll be.  
—Dispassionate  
—Unconquerable,  
so seemingly Wise and Wicked:  
If only you'd look 'neath the mask  
that I paint for your own pleasure!

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# The Soothsayer

By Don and Daphna Gregg  
For the Week of September  
16-22

Aries should develop parallel interests with partner now. Thursday may see a pleasant change of attitude, but Friday and Saturday could be tense on the home-front, with poor communication and short tempers. Seek harmony Monday through Wednesday.

Taurus can formalize lucrative offers Thursday. Keep a low profile Friday and Saturday in order to avoid misunderstandings. Limitations put the skids to homework Monday, but a pleasant outing Tuesday could bring things around.

Gemini is in fine form Thursday. Try to arrange an outing with someone close. The tables turn Friday with bolder communication, and the weekend could be rough. Work through mental limitations Monday and expect to mellow out Tuesday and Wednesday.

Cancer changes gears with Thursday's quarter moon. You may get some gentle help from home-base. Accept it gracefully because the weekend could be creaming meemie time. If it gets out of hand, try to make up for it Tuesday.

Leo could put an acquaintance through pleasant changes Thursday. You may be in an introspective and somewhat testy mood Friday and Saturday. Monday brings awareness of personal limitations, but Tuesday and Wednesday are gratifying.

Virgo's decision Thursday brings financial reward. Don't waste the weekend fretting about whether you decided right. Lie low and avoid squabbles over miscommunication. Your economic situation is on the verge of heating up, but bear with delays.

Libra's time of the year to withdraw and reflect is at hand. Spend time with mate Thursday. Career pressures bring conflict Friday through Sunday, but keep your responses moderate. Use excess energy to please your mate Tuesday.

Scorpio should let energy flow easily Thursday. Treat acquaintances with due respect Friday through Sunday. If you must get emotional about your view of life, try to do it privately. Direct energy Monday toward present career limitations.

Sagittarius faces career decisions Thursday, but acquaintances are popping out of the woodwork through the weekend. Do your part to gently deal with their untimely demands. Beware of a liaison that could jeopardize a partnership Tuesday and Wednesday.

Capricorn advances career Thursday by letting energy flow at work. Public pressures are fierce Friday through Sunday, but don't lose your cool. Monday shows you that even though your power is limited,

your abilities are sharper than ever.

Aquarius can experience creativity and pleasure Thursday with someone who shares your outlook, but your philosophy of life may keep you in hot water Friday through Sunday. Monday and Tuesday offer opportunities to deal with partnership limitations.

Pisces makes a decision Thursday about home-base that affects the partner in a good way, but Friday through the weekend bring a series of power struggles. Persevere at work Monday and reap rewards Tuesday. Check out Wednesday's offer carefully.

## Cassavette's Film Raises Questions

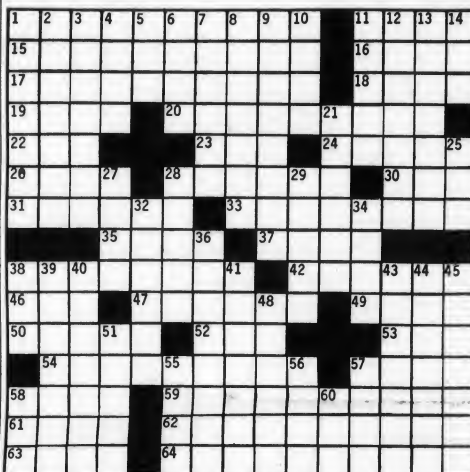
By Terri Souza

The first in a series of lectures and discussions of "Changing Roles for Women" opened Tuesday night with John Cassavette's film, "A Woman Under the Influence." Unique in production and plot, this film drew mixed reactions from the large audience. The film, starring Peter Falk and Gena Rowlands, followed the mental decline of an average, American housewife. It was both well done and thought provoking.

Cassavette raised many questions, but answered very few as to why this happens to women. Hopefully these questions will be answered in the remainder of the series.

Various seminars and films, in connection with the series, are planned throughout the month of September. Specific dates will be published weekly in the Bulletin. All activities are open to the public and they are free of charge.

## collegiate crossword



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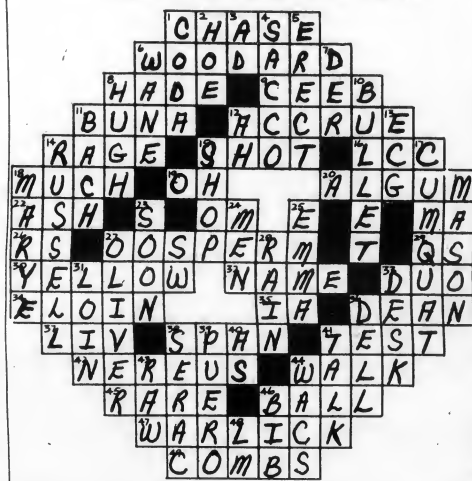
- 1 Lower back
- 11 Highest point
- 15 Fear of Heights
- 16 Discomfort
- 17 Circus performer (pl.)
- 18 Mass. — of Tech.
- 19 Part of wedding ceremony (pl.)
- 20 German city
- 22 — Scully
- 23 Never: Ger.
- 24 Type of soup
- 26 Sweetstop
- 28 Man's name
- 30 John or Jane
- 31 Medicinal substances
- 33 One named after another
- 35 Rests
- 37 Italian coin
- 38 Hugh Hefner bunny
- 42 Hard worker
- 46 Poetic term
- 47 Advertisements (slang)
- 49 Alaskan city

### DOWN

- 50 Florida resort city
- 52 Play on words
- 53 Fuel
- 54 1965 baseball MVP
- 57 Famous ship
- 58 — Japanese War
- 59 Fiendish
- 61 Oklahoma city
- 62 Expect
- 63 Moslem potentates
- 64 Abstainer
- 13 Recognized incorrectly
- 14 Common suffix
- 21 Bullfighter
- 25 Born
- 27 Eastern group of colleges (abbr.)
- 28 "Such — for the course"
- 29 Leaves out
- 32 Argentine plains
- 34 Spain's teammate
- 36 Part of an intersection
- 38 Go to —
- 39 Going away
- 40 Region of Asia Minor
- 41 Try to equal or surpass
- 43 Sound
- 44 Come forth
- 45 Secondhand dealer
- 48 12 cents
- 51 Urges
- 55 Malay law
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# Campus Greenthumb

By BARBARA DIGIACOMO

There's hardly a room on campus that's not boasting some sort of botanical wonder, be it anything from trees to stems. This column is for the stem growers — who maybe wish they were growing trees.

Plants grow under conditions as various as the climates and terrains of the earth, and each of them requires unique and special care if it is to grow properly. We thought we'd try to sample a couple of the varieties in the plant kingdom, perhaps a couple of you are or would like to be growing in your own room. Look for us each week. Maybe we'll help you grow that tree of yours. If any of you out there have any special tips we've overlooked, be sure to write us and tell us what we've missed.

## This week: Ferns

Ferns come in many varieties. You will recognize ferns by the way most of them grow. New shoots appear just above the soil level and they look just like tiny tendrils spiraling to a curl on the end. Eventually, a frond, of a fern leaf, emerges from these shoots.

Ferns like filtered light and they grow best near a north or west window. Ideal growth temperature ranges from 55 to 65 degrees. They must be watered daily and it is essential that they have excellent drainage. Therefore soil and potting are very important. Half vermiculite and half peat moss is a recommended soil mixture. You may prepare this

mixture yourself or buy it ready made.

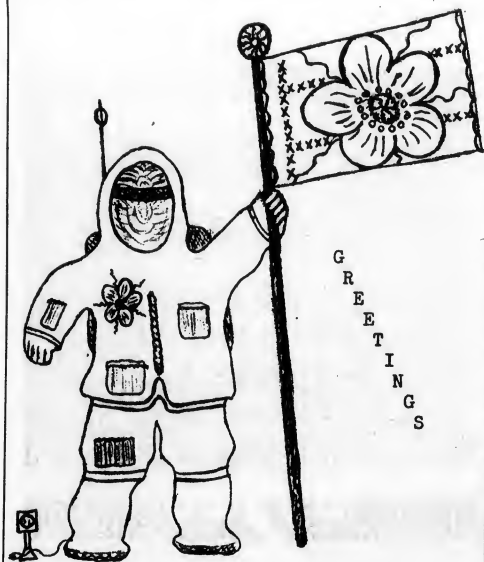
Your pot should have drainage holes at the bottom.



Gravel packed about a half inch or more (depending on the size of the pot and fern) below the soil, provides even better water control. Gravel and drainage holes assure the roots of the air they need to grow.

Ferns like high humidity and should be misted frequently. If your budget is low and you have a fern or other plant that needs misting, you can make a mister by filling a plastic spray bottle with water. I used an empty spray cream rinse bottle. Non-aerosol hair spray bottles are also good. Make sure you rinse them thoroughly.

Once you become an expert fern grower, you'll be ready to spread the fun around. Give friends ferns of their own by gently separating a few of the fronds at the roots and repotting. This is best done in the spring when new soil and a bigger pot will increase your fern's health and vitality.



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## Meeting Notice Seniors Meet Wednesday Discuss Class Gift, Graduation

The MWC Senior Class will hold a meeting on Wednesday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m. in George Washington Auditorium. Matters to be discussed include the Senior Class Gift, nominations for *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*, graduation announcements, the graduation speaker and Two-Hundredth Night. Inquiries and suggestions should be directed to Carolyn Alexander at extension 420.

On September 17th, in Seabeck Basement, the Campus Christian Community is sponsoring its first coffeehouse of the year. The event will last from 8:00 p.m. to midnight and admission is free.

Various forms of talent are scheduled for entertainment — singers, instrumentalists, comedians, etc. and the basement will be set up with candlelight atmosphere.

Some of the MWC student performers include Kevin Havens, Tina Trotta, Tim Bobbitt and Sue Boes. If luck prevails, Dr. Cain might reveal some of his acting ability, and

Dr. Insley and Dr. Cover might even put on their Beatle wigs to serenade the audience! Off campus talent is also abundant, including a Christian rock band, "Friends of Jesus," from the Fredericksburg area. Refreshments will be served and the evening promises to be lots of fun.

Everyone is welcome!

If interested in adding your talents to the entertainment repertoire, please contact Nancy VanNest, chairman of Coffeehouse committee, 309 Virginia Hall, extension 427.

The campus yearbook staff, the *Battlefield*, is inviting interested photographers to attend the organization's photography staff meeting on Wednesday, September 22 at 3:45 p.m. in Lounge B ACL. Students with 35 mm cameras are especially welcomed. Call Carolyn Alexander at extension 420 for more details.

All persons interested in working on the literary and arts magazine staff should report to the English lounge in Chandler on Friday.

September 24, at 7:00 p.m. Those unable to attend the meeting may call Roger Scott at 786-8473 after that date.

Because of the increasingly heavy demand for school tours and visitor services, the National Archives Docents Program is presently recruiting for an October training session.

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## Cruzin' Boozin'

by S.M. Newman

Fredericksburg isn't totally dead, at least not at the Escadrille Room in the Holiday Inn North where you can drink, dance to live entertainment and generally raise hell and at a reasonable price without a cover.

A left turn at Falmouth stop light and five minutes north on Route 17 will bring Mary Washlanders to a place of momentary paradise where you can continue your illusions in life and get drunk from a large assortment of mixed drinks, wines or beer and not lose too many arms and legs in the process.

The only problem the Escadrille poses as far as this red-eyed observer can see is the age requirement of 21 which will keep some Washlanders begging at the door to get in. One other drag the Escadrille has to offer is their dress code. Blue jeans, tank tops, t-shirts and other shirts without collars are prohibited. Shoes are also an excellent piece of apparel to have when going there. In general it is a dress up, sit down affair with no ordering at the bar.

When you crawl out from behind the rocks you can stagger or dance whichever you do best on a fairly large dance

floor to the live entertainment that starts at nine and plays melodious rock and roll of the top 40 variety until 12 midnight on weekdays and 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturdays. Paul Marcus, the manager, sweeps the floor Saturday morning and locks his doors on Sundays so the town priests can make it to church and so Washlanders can go listen to their gospel words of temperance.

The atmosphere is dark and dim with a tantalizing scent of inequity, where you can sit in comfortable cushioned booths and talk to the person on your left or right and look deep into one another's eyes. However, if you become disenchanted with the loved one beside you just cruze to another table because singles seem to hang out there for males and females alike, but beware weekdays aren't too crowded.

Drinks range from \$1.65 to \$1.95 and you can even get a draft for \$1.00. These prices aren't bad but if you're as poor as this starry eyed sot, I would have a couple of drinks before you went, so their bi-plane decor will render its true symbolic meaning.

In the mean time keep cruizin' and boozin'.

## Docents

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# The Political Arena

## Presidential Candidates Race to White House

### — Voters Beware

The presidential race will be fun this year. Four men will receive the bulk of the attention in Teddy White's next book, *Making of the President*: President Ford, Jimmy Carter, Lester Maddox and Eugene McCarthy. The surprise will be McCarthy. The impact he will have could conceivably shift the outcome of the election. He knows that he will be watching the inauguration on T.V. with the rest of us. His objective is not Pennsylvania Avenue as Big Daddy but to affect the two party system by gaining public acceptance for a new party. In this area one may assume that he will be unsuccessful. In short term effects he could be of damage to the Carter campaign in the Northeast. Assuming a close race between Carter and Ford in certain states, a few McCarthy votes which should be Carter votes could lose the state's precious electoral votes. Don't underrate Clean Gene.

What is fun to do in determining your final vote in the Fate of the Nation Game is to play the Semantical Game. It's really simple and will give you an insight to how you are being affected by rhetoric. Take a speech and underline all the words that appeal to your positive and negative nature. Add them up. The purpose of

this game is to determine whether the candidate wants to win your heart or just your vote. Ask yourself if the candidate appeals to your sense of compassion, ideals of love. Or does he appeal to the darker impulses that lie within all of us. Is it a speech of unity or does the speech seek to divide some element of us in America. Is this a man who will heal further divisions.

The Fear Game has been employed in the past twenty years with amazing effectiveness. Beware of this one. Those that employ fear in an attempt to emotionalize your opinion are often the most dangerous of all. We are a generation that must solve many problems that we are the unwilling heirs. The question that history will ask is whether we strive to solve these problems or were apathetic in the times of great crisis. More importantly, did we prevent problems from becoming history or did we fail in this responsibility?

One game that is popular is the Democrat and Republican Game. This one is funny. If you say you are a Democrat then that means your political views align with Wallace and McGovern and if you are a Republican then your views align with Regan and Javits.

by Stephen Carter Jackson

Congratulations, you are quite a paradox. Or you can say you are an Independent. The problem there is you are now aligned with Maddox or McCarthy. Whether you are a liberal or conservative is another problem. To confuse the issue even further if someone tries to trap you, just tell them to forgive your indignation at refusing to discuss the issue but it is quite logical sense we Vulcans are not concerned with the primitive conflicts of Twentieth century humanoids.

It amazes me how the Republicans can go to Kansas City and not honor the presidential achievements of Richard Nixon and Agnew. After all they nominated Mr. Nixon to high office five times and Mr. Agnew twice. President Eisenhower allowed the convention to choose the vice president and the junior senator from California was chosen. Again in 1956 and then the Republicans chose him to be President in 1960, 1968 and 1972. I remember the last two elections and they were so convinced that he was the best the party had to offer. I was really confused when they did not mention his name. Perhaps, it was because the Republicans had done such an excellent job convincing the American people that they could be correct in

choosing the right men that they decided to try someone new.

The Democrats are gambling. In 1972 with McGovern they could not convince anyone. This year they chose a man who had convinced a lot of people in lot of areas. Unfortunately, I had never heard of such places as Plains, Georgia, Walpole, New Hampshire and Pilot Mound, Iowa. This could be scary. It could also be the time when the American people demand exacting answers. Nevertheless, politics is back in full swing and if you are a voter your job may be difficult. If it is not difficult then you may want to sit yourself down and ask yourself why you are so convinced. Many people are terrified of the voter. Yet this nation has a long and distinguished record of choosing great men to fill high offices. This is a result of many variables and it is not a job that is ever completed. The preservation of America is dependent upon your rational and intelligent concern. Register and vote.

Next Week . . . "The Debates"



## National Campus News

A recent study has shown that the national college grade-point averages has declined for the first time in ten years. On a 4.0 grading scale, 1974's average grade of 2.77 went down to 2.74 in 1975. One reason for this decline may be that colleges are now cracking down on grade-inflation.

## Police Warn Bike Owners

Not only have two bikes been stolen this year, but various bicycle accessories as well. The real wheel of a Schwinn Bicycle was stolen outside of Virginia Hall on September 4. It's value was \$25.00. Also missing are a bike seat, a license plate, a horn, and an odometer. All missing bicycles or parts should be reported immediately to the Campus Security Office in ACL.

Bicycle registration will take place on September 27 and 29 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. for all students, faculty and staff who plan to use bikes on campus. Permanent licenses will be issued at a cost of fifty cents. All bicycles will be required to have a horn or bell on the front and a light (only if the vehicle is to be ridden at night.) Bicycles must also be equipped with a red light or reflector on the rear. If a student or faculty member is found riding a bicycle which is not properly equipped, he is subject to be summoned to court for a traffic violation.



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# Counseling Center Offers Vocational Assistance

The MWC Counseling Center, located in Hamlet House, is responsible for providing two types of services — testing and psychological counseling — to the student body. Occasionally, the Center offers services to other members of the College community. Such services, however, are rendered on a discretionary basis, because the general policy of the Center is that its counselors are dedicated primarily to the student body.

Students visit the Center for testing aptitude, interest and personality patterns in an effort to help them make a wise choice of majors and career goals. The particular tests used depends upon the individual's needs. However, for the majority of students who have questions concerning their career choice, the Center uses the Kuder Occupational Test, which provides career and occupational ratings, the Strong Occupational Interest Test, which provides basic interest patterns to be correlated with

career ratings and an academic aptitude test, which enables the counselors to discover whether or not a student is fulfilling his or her potential to be academically successful.

The testing center also supervises several national test programs, including the GRE, SAT, CLEP, the Miller Analogies Test and teacher examinations.

The Counseling Center provides, without charge, assistance with problems of personal, emotional and social adjustments. Although this psychological counseling is usually individualized, the counselors occasionally work with small group problems, such as problems existing between roommates.

A few students remain in counseling for all four years of their stay at college. However, the objective of the Center is to enable students to function independently and to provide them with ways to develop their own self-support systems.

By ELEANOR JONES

Mary A.K. Kelly, director of the Counseling Center and professor of psychology, said, "I think it's extremely important for students to be assured that there is complete confidentiality with everything that occurs here at the Counseling Center. No records from this office will be transmitted to anyone under any circumstances other than at the request of the student. If the student does make such a request and he supplies a release of information statement, we are very willing to cooperate."

Kelly continued, "We do not for the most part tape counseling sessions. We do some tapes in a therapeutic sense. We have, for example, tapes which can help a student learn relaxation and help him learn to self-monitor his body processes, including the control of tension level. We do use some tape materials as counseling materials, but we do not make or retain tapes of counseling sessions."

During mid-terms and prior to final examinations, there is a slight increase in the number of students going to the Center.

Kelly remarks, "The Counseling Center is now ten

years old and I have observed over the past ten years that there is less of this peak. At the outset I noticed that we would have a relatively light case load at certain periods and then around exam time the case load would become very heavy. More recently, frankly, our case load remains high and steady and I don't think there is any longer quite the up and down kind of tendency that there used to be."

Director Kelly said that today's students are probably more sensitive to their own needs and they are more aware of the possibilities for moderating their own tension states.

"I think that students are more likely to come in advance of crisis and try to get a preventive kind of help," commented Kelly.

"Today's students are more likely to work on their problem in a learning kind of way rather than waiting for problems to become critical."

During its first two years of operation, the Counseling Center rendered most of its services to seniors and juniors, because upperclassmen were first to be aware of the Center's

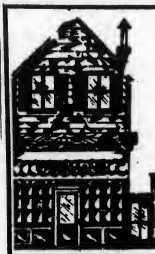
availability. Over the past two years, an equal distribution exists among all college classifications with a slight increase among freshmen.

The Center interacts with a number of other campus offices including the Dean's Office, the Academic Advising Office, the Placement Bureau and the Residential Council.

Director Kelly concluded, "Particularly for incoming students, I'd like to give a very genuine assurance that this office is extremely eager to be of whatever kind of assistance we can be."

## Club Notes

The Campus Christian Community is sponsoring a program that deals with the problems of alcoholism. It will be held on Monday, September 20 in Ann Carter Lee Hall Lounge A. Earl Agee, Occupational Program Consultant of the Bureau of Alcohol Studies and Rehabilitation will be the speaker. This activity is free and open to the public.



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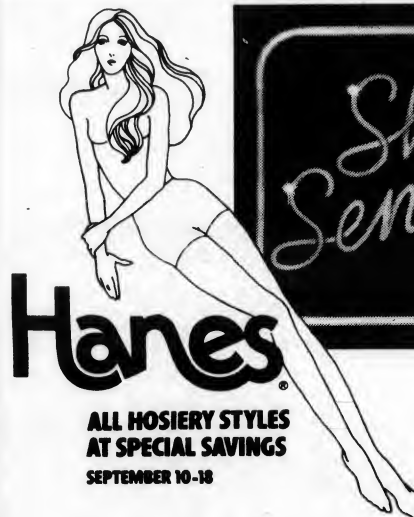
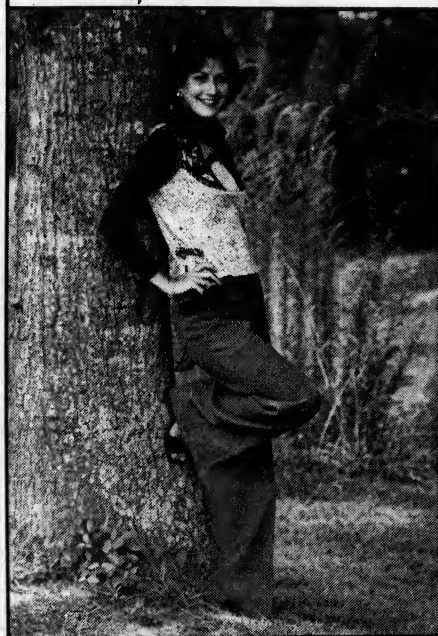
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## Registrar Encourages Student Voting

By Lisa Kelly

With the upcoming national election fast approaching on November 9, the City Registrar's office in Fredericksburg encourages all MWC students to register to vote in their home communities by October 2. Students who do not reside in the area must vote by means of an absentee ballot, whereas all MWC students liv-

ing in Fredericksburg area may register in the City Registrar's office in City Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. by October 2. The office will also be open on the following Saturdays: September 18, 25 and October 2. Voting for students with Fredericksburg domicile will take place at the National Guard Armory.

## Barbecue Honors Byrd, Robinson

Stafford County Board of Supervisors member Hansford Abel will give a free barbecue open to the public in honor of U.S. Senator Harry G. Byrd, Jr. and Seventh District Representative J. Kenneth Robinson on Saturday, September 25. Abel said both legislators have confirmed they will attend this event which is scheduled to start at noon and continue until 6:00 p.m. His farm is located on Route 652 in the Hartwood district.

Abel is making plans to accommodate more than 2000 people from Fredericksburg, Stafford, Spotsylvania, Caroline, Orange, Fauquier and Culpeper. The barbecue will feature a free meal, live entertainment and a round of speeches.

"Senator Byrd and Congressman Robinson have done an outstanding job of representing this area in Washington and I hope that residents of the area will come out to the farm and join with me in thanking them for their service," said Abel.

## Marijuana Poll

The *Bullet* hopes, with this poll, to learn student attitude towards the issue of legalizing marijuana. Please answer honestly and do not sign your name. Individual confidence will be maintained. Upon completion of the poll, return it to the front desk of your dormitory and the poll shall be collected by *The Bullet* staff members on Wednesday, September 8 between 6 and 8 p.m. The results, which will be compared to the statistics of a similar poll conducted a few years ago on campus, will be published in *The Bullet*.

1. Have you ever smoked marijuana?
  - a. If yes, how frequently do you smoke marijuana?
    - ☐ I tried it once.
    - ☐ I tried it less than five times.
    - ☐ I smoke approximately once every two months.
    - ☐ I smoke approximately once a month.
    - ☐ I smoke approximately once a week.
    - ☐ I smoke more than once a week.
  - b. If no, would you smoke marijuana if you had a chance? ☐
2. Have you ever smoked marijuana on campus? ☐
3. Do you smoke marijuana because of peer pressure? ☐
4. Would you turn in a student if you knew he or she were smoking marijuana on campus? ☐
5. Do you think marijuana should be legalized? ☐
6. Briefly, what are your arguments for or against marijuana? \_\_\_\_\_

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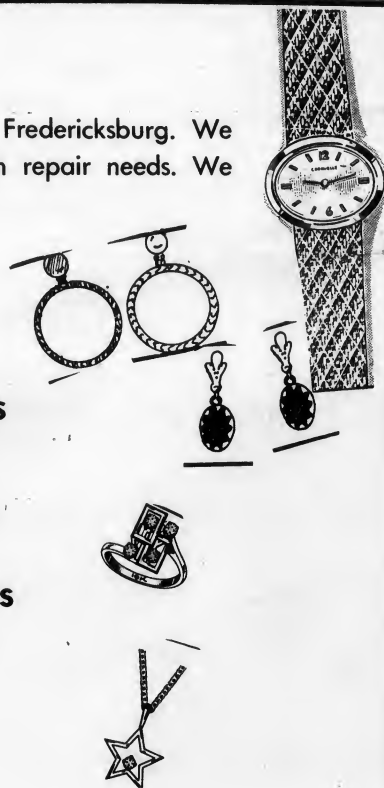
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